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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the amended abstract provided below for the previous abstract:

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Compounds of the formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_2 & R_3 \\ R_1 & R_4 \\ (R_5)_d & (R_6)_b \end{bmatrix} \qquad M \qquad z \quad A^{\odot}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3 & R_4 \\ (R_6)_b & R_4 \\ (R_7)_c & (R_6)_d \end{bmatrix}$$

wherein M is either (1) a metal ion having a positive charge of +y+2 wherein y-p is an integer which is at least 2, said metal ion being capable of forming a compound with at least two

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_2 & R_3 \\ \hline (R_5)_0 & (R_6)_0 \\ \hline (R_7)_C & (Q)_d \\ \end{array}$$

chromogen moieties, or (2) a metal-containing moiety capable of forming a compound with at least two chromogen moieties, z is an integer representing the number of chromogen moieties associated with the metal and is at least 2, and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , a, b, c, d, Y, Q, A, and CA are as defined herein.